1 June 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: SHAPE "Y" Planning


1. Vote sheet replies to the reference indicate approval by all members of the Board.

2. Accordingly, SUSLO, London has been requested to pass USCIB's views to appropriate U.K. authorities.

H. D. JONES
Acting Executive Secretary, USCIB

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB:

Subject: SHAPE "Y" Planning

1. Enclosure 1 herewith is a request for USCIB views on LSIB's reply to an Assistant Chief of Staff (I) SHAPE message on the above subject. The SHAPE message is quoted in enclosure 2.

2. In that the Director, NSA, as U.S. Executive Agent for this problem has already received, and replied to, the same SHAPE message to which enclosure 1 refers, the Director, NSA was asked to provide comments on the problem for USCIB consideration. The NSA comments are as follows:

"1. NSA has already (13 April 1955) informed ACofS(I)SHAPE that the U.S. approved in principle inviting participation in SHAPE 'Y' planning at an appropriate time after (1) complete ratification of the Paris Agreements, (2) firm establishment and staffing of a defense ministry, and (3) clear indication that will meet the requirements of SHAPE ID 9139. Further condition was that the U.S. be consulted as to timing.

"2. The above action was taken in light of the following:

a. The provisions of Appendix P, Annexure Pl, were considered to have been taken into account.

b. NSA correspondence with GCHQ in March, 1955, expressed the opinion that participation in SHAPE 'Y' planning was no longer a matter which required USCIB action; that the Board had committed itself to approve participation when it accepted Appendix P, provided the conditions stipulated therein had been met.

c. Informal coordination on the matter of participation was effected with the State Department, the Executive Secretary, USCIB, and the Office of Special Operations, OSD, before notice of approval was sent to SHAPE.
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d. USCIB is not required to consider invitations to other NATO nations to participate in 'Y' planning. It is noted that USCIB 29.20/6, in considering another problem in connection with points out, '...it is felt that Appendix 'P' to the UKUSA Agreement applies to the same fashion that it applies to other Nations within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.'

3. In view of the foregoing, the Director, NSA suggests that USCIB, in considering the LSIB communication (enclosure 1), affirm the U.S. action already taken with respect to approving in principle inviting to participate in SHAPE "Y" Planning.

4. It is requested that your views on paragraph 3, above, be entered on the attached vote sheet, which should be returned to this office by close of business 23 May 1955. Subject to USCIB approval, this office will send appropriate notification to U.K. authorities.

Enclosures
2. DTG 042000Z, AGI 07618.

RUFUS K. TAYLOR
Captain, U. S. Navy
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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Executive Secretary,
U.S.C.I.B.

L.S.I.B. has considered the signal from A.C. of S(I) SHAPE YN-003 (YG-003) of 4th April.

2. In the light of Appendix P to the UK/USA Agreement and of the information contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of A.C. of S(I)'s signal, L.S.I.B. approves in principle that should be invited to participate in SACEUR's Y structure. L.S.I.B. intends to ask however to be consulted in advance about the actual timing of the invitation by A.C. of S(I) SHAPE to the and would hope that USCIB will do likewise in order that the Boards may again take stock of their national interests in respect of Sigint relations with the before authorising SHAPE to proceed on its own account.

3. L.S.I.B. has not yet informed A.C. of S(I) of this decision and would welcome U.S.C.I.B.'s comment before doing so.

/s/

Secretary,
Sigint Board.

Enclosure 1 with USCIB 32./7 dtd 12 May 1955.
FROM: ACoS (I) SHAPE  DTG: 042000Z
TO:   DIRNSA  AGI: 07618
GCHQ
INFO: SUSLO, LONDON

SUBJECT: SHAPE "Y" PLANNING  REF NRS YN-003, YG-003

1. REQUEST APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO INVITE ____ TO PARTICIPATE IN SACEUR'S "Y" STRUCTURE.

4. BELIEVE IT WILL BE WISE TO DELAY APPROACH TILL SOME TIME AFTER RATIFICATION WHEN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY IS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND STAFFED. SHALL CONSULT YOU WHEN TIME IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE BUT WOULD WELCOME ADVICE FROM YOU IF AT ANY TIME YOU FEEL THAT THE ____ MAY RAISE THE SUBJECT OF "Y" AS THEY DID IN THE EDC INTERIM COMMITTEE LAST YEAR. DISCUSSIONS ON THE DETAILED COMPOSITION OF THE ____ FORCES ARE ALREADY PROCEEDING.

Enclosure 2 with USC13 32./7 dtd 12 May 1955.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF USCIB

Subject:  

The enclosure, containing information relative to arrangements between SAGEUR and the is circulated for information.


RIPUS L. TAYLOR  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

TOP-SECRET
Memorandum to:

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Attention: Mr. Grady C. Frank
Room 2B477
Pentagon

Please be advised that in anticipation of increased contact between G-2 and SACEUR, G-2 will be kept informed as appropriate of any correspondence with SACEUR.

3. Would you kindly notify the Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) SHAPE of this development?

(Signed)

(cop) Exec. Sec. USCIB

Enclosure with USCIB 32./6 dtd 29 October 1954.